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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Customer Number: 20277

Yusuke FUKUMOTO, et al.

Confirmation Number: 9495

Application No.: 10/614,023

Group Art Unit: 1745

Filed: July 08, 2003

Examiner: Laura S. Weiner

For: NEGATIVE ELECTRODE AND LITHIUM ION SECONDARY BATTERY USING THE

SAME

## **AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated March 17, 2006 and the Office Action dated December 9, 2005, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 9, 2006, and the petition for a two-month extension of time up to and including May 9, 2006 being filed concurrently herewith, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.